

What is claimed is:

1. A relay connector for connecting wires to a flat circuit member having a plurality of conductors, the relay connector comprising:

5 a plurality of electrical connection terminals, each including at its rear end portion a wire connection portion to which the wire is connectable, and at its front end portion a pair of piercing portions to pierce the conductor of the flat circuit member; and

10 a insulating housing for receiving and holding the plurality of electrical connection terminals at a interval corresponding to an arrangement pitch of the plurality of conductors of the flat circuit member,

15 wherein the pairs of piercing portions are caused to pierce the plurality of conductors at one time and are bent back, respectively.

2. The relay connector according to claim 1, wherein the pair of piercing portions is formed at a flat surface portion of the front end portion of the electrical connection terminal and projects substantially upright.

3. The relay connector according to claim 1, wherein the insulating housing includes a housing body having a plurality of terminal receiving grooves in which the plurality

of electrical connection terminals are received, respectively,
and a housing cover for covering the plurality of terminal
receiving grooves.

5 4. The relay connector according to claim 2, wherein
each of the plurality of terminal receiving grooves
includes a retaining projection engaged with the electrical
connection terminal to position the electrical connection
terminal in an axial direction of the electrical connection
10 terminal.

5 5. The relay connector according to claim 4, wherein each
of the plurality of the electrical connection terminals includes
an engagement portion engaged with the corresponding retaining
15 projection.

6. The relay connector according to claim 1, wherein the
pairs of piercing portions projects forwardly from the
insulating housing when the plurality of electrical connection
20 terminals are received in the insulating housing.